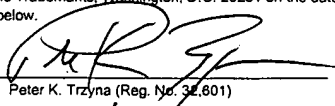




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**RESPONSE**

S I R :

In response to the Office Action mailed 15 June 2000, in the above-referenced patent application, please enter the enclosed and reconsider the application in view thereof and the remarks set forth below.

**I. REMARKS**

The Examiner is requested to reconsider the application in view of the enclosed and the following remarks.

**A. Paragraphs of Objections and/or Rejections**

**1. Paragraph 1 of the Office Action**

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner contends that the response to papers filed on April 3, 2000.

The contention is respectfully traversed. The papers were mailed on March 29, 2000, as shown on the mailing certificate on the face of the papers.

**2. Paragraph 2 of the Office Action**

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1, 16-20 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. Sec. 112, second paragraph.

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